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- 1. All men who reached the age of 19 had to register for the draft with their local council (helyi tanacs).
- 2. In the Spring and Fall of 1949, posters of the Budapest Local Council, located on Foe utca 6, Budapest II, announced that all young men born in 1930 must register for the draft. In addition to the poster announcements, each draftee was sent a registered letter in which he was instructed when to come to the Local Council to register and
 - a. An income certificate on the property status of his parents.
 - b. A certificate from the school office.
 - c. A pirth certificate.
- 3. When the draftee reported to the Local Council these documents were examined and returned to him, with the exception of the income certificate. After this registration the draftee was issued a Soldier's Registration Card (Katonai Oesszeirasi es Sorozasi Lap) and sent home.
- 4. About six months after the registration, the men received a letter requesting them to report for a physical examination at the District Recruiting Command (Kerueleti Kiegeszitoe Parancsnoksag), on Hevizi ut 4, Budapest III. The physical examination was not thorough, and anyone who was not blind or lame could pass it. After the super-

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ficial examination, which took only half an hour, the physician wrote on the back of the draftee's Registration Card whether or not he was fit for the Army. After the physical examination the draftees were taken singly to another room where two officers questioned them on their political views, their attitude toward the regime, their acquaintances abroad and whether or not they maintained correspondence with them. The men who passed the physical examination were told to go home and wait for induction.

5. University students, after passing the physical examination, filed a petition for deferment (Katonai Szolgalati Menteseg Kerelem), which the University administration forwarded to the Ministry of War (Haduegyi Miniszterium). In due course, the Ministry sent a certificate to the University to the effect that the deferment was approved. This certificate was given to the student. At the end of the school year University students were required to spend a month in a training camp. If a University student left the University without special permission or was expelled, the University immediately notified his recruiting command and he was ordered to active duty to serve out his regular Army term.

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